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TO AMEMBASSY BISSAU

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FROM AF/W

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, CV, US

SUBJECT: CAPE VERDEAN AMBASSADOR RETURNS FOR  
CONSULTATIONS

1. PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE (WHICH NOW SCHEDULED TO BE  
SHORTLY AFTER THE INAUGURATION) ON CONSULTATION IN CAPE  
VERDE, AMBASSADOR VARELA CALLED ON AF/W DIRECTOR  
JANUARY 14 AT OUR REQUEST. VARELA INFORMED US THAT  
HE WOULD BE TRAVELLING THROUGH BISSAU EN ROUTE TO  
CAPE VERDE AND HOPED TO SEE AMBASSADOR WELLS WHILE  
THERE. WE AGREED TO INFORM OUR EMBASSY AND TOLD HIM  
HE MIGHT SEE THE AMBASSADOR AGAIN IN CAPE VERDE AT THE  
TIME OF THE SIGNING OF THE AID AGREEMENT TO REPAIR  
MINDELO'S DESALINIZATION PLANT.

2. AMBASSADOR VARELA SAID HE HAD BEEN INFORMED BY  
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PLATZER (OF THE COMMITTEE TO RETURN THE SCHOONER  
ERNESTINA MORRISSEY) THAT A NUMBER OF DISTINGUISHED  
AMERICANS WOULD ARRIVE BY SHIP IN CAPE VERDE IN EARLY  
FEBRUARY. A QUICK CHECK WITH PLATZER CONFIRMED THAT  
HE WAS TALKING ABOUT THE VERY BRIEF VISIT OF THE  
CRUISE SHIP KUNGSHOLM TO CAPE VERDEAN WATERS FEBRUARY 3  
DURING WHICH SOME RIGGING, AN OP SAIL PLAQUE, A MESSAGE

FROM MAYOR BEAME,AND POSSIBLY A MESSAGE FROM THE

MAYOR OF PROVIDENCE, R.I., WILL BE GIVEN TO CV OFFICIALS  
MEETING THE SHIP.

3. WE SAID WE HAD HEARD RUMORS, AS YET UNSUBSTANTIATED,  
THAT ONE OR MORE INVITATIONS TO VISIT THE US, IN  
CONNECTION WITH THE RETURN OF THE ERNESTINA MORRISSEY,  
MIGHT BE EXTENDED TO CAPE VERDE PRESIDENT PEREIRA  
BY MAYORS OF EAST COAST CITIES, E.G. PROVIDENCE AND NEW  
YORK. WE ASKED VARELA TO INFORM US ASAP IF HE WERE  
ASKED TO TRANSMIT ANY INVITATIONS. HE AGREED.

4. VARELA REFERRED TO CAPE VERDE'S PERFORMANCE IN  
THE 31ST GA. HE COMMENTED THAT CAPE VERDE WAS UNDER  
HEAVY PRESSURE FROM OTHER AFRICAN STATES, BUT THAT  
ITS DELEGATION HAD ACTED AS INDEPENDENTLY OF THESE  
PRESSURES AS POSSIBLE, CONSCIOUS OF THE SPECIAL TIES  
IT HAD WITH THE US WHERE THERE IS A LARGE CAPE VERDEAN  
COMMUNITY.

5. VARELA SAID HE WAS PAYING PARTICULAR ATTENTION  
TO THIS COMMUNITY, AND WAS TRYING, THROUGH SPEECHES  
AND OTHER APPEARANCES, TO CORRECT PREVAILING VIEWS  
OF CAPE VERDE AND CAPE VERDEAN POLITICS. HE  
ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE STILL HAD MUCH TO DO.

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